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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 2011

December began with temperatures below normal across most of the state. A cold front swept through New Mexico the second week of December bringing bands of snow showers in the higher elevations and rain in the lower elevations. Behind this system, a polar air mass dropped temperatures drastically. Most of the northwest was twelve degrees below normal compared to the southwest which was seven degrees below normal. Cattle and livestock conditions remained fair due to declining supplemental feeding and haying.

Wet weather prevented pecans from being harvested, due to wet and muddy fields that did not allow machinery into orchards. Due to the cold, all summer crops ended. Cotton harvest completed during December. Remaining livestock is being fed with other means than pasture grass across the state. Livestock is still being sold in mass quantities to maintain lower feed costs. Drought conditions are starting to improve in most areas of the state.

WEATHER SUMMARY

| NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS December 19 – December 25, 2011 | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|---------|---------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Station | Temperature | | | Precipitation | | | | |
| | Mean | Maximum | Minimum | Week 19 Dec – 25 Dec | Month 01 Dec –25 Dec | Accum. 01 Jan-25 Dec | Normal Dec | Normal Jan-Dec |
| Northwest | | | | | | | | |
| Albuquerque | 31 | 41 | 17 | 0.58 | 1.17 | 4.64 | 0.50 | 8.88 |
| Chama | 22 | 45 | -4 | 0.07 | 1.88 | 19.69 | 1.80 | 21.61 |
| Farmington | 28 | 37 | 11 | 0.11 | 0.38 | 7.42 | 0.50 | 8.62 |
| Gallup | 26 | 44 | -1 | 0.05 | 0.19 | 10.58 | 0.96 | 12.87 |
| Grants | 17 | 37 | -15 | 2.14 | 2.90 | 8.85 | 0.66 | 10.8 |
| Johnson Ranch | 23 | 39 | -6 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2.26 | 0.67 | 11.52 |
| Los Alamos | 24 | 39 | 11 | 0.83 | 2.02 | 11.11 | 1.08 | 18.72 |
| Red River | 17 | 39 | -3 | 0.14 | 1.60 | 15.25 | 1.16 | 20.49 |
| Santa Fe | 25 | 38 | 5 | 0.48 | 1.10 | 10.34 | 0.77 | 13.98 |
| Northeast | | | | | | | | |
| Capulin | 20 | 40 | -7 | 1.35 | 1.83 | 12.84 | 0.48 | 17.42 |
| Clayton | 27 | 42 | 10 | 0.55 | 1.72 | 9.38 | 0.29 | 15.09 |
| Clovis | 32 | 49 | 20 | 0.46 | 0.79 | 7.55 | 0.54 | 17.51 |
| Las Vegas | 22 | 37 | 2 | 0.13 | 0.77 | 8.72 | 0.68 | 19.04 |
| Moriarty | 15 | 35 | -13 | 1.23 | 2.30 | 9.40 | 0.54 | 12.71 |
| Raton | 26 | 47 | 3 | 0.05 | 0.36 | 8.50 | 0.58 | 16.8 |
| Roy | 24 | 37 | 11 | 0.32 | 1.65 | 7.12 | 0.45 | 15.74 |
| Tucumcari | 30 | 55 | 14 | 1.05 | 1.68 | 8.06 | 0.27 | 14.17 |
| Southwest | | | | | | | | |
| Animas | 36 | 52 | 20 | 0.10 | 2.61 | 9.77 | 1.08 | 11.7 |
| Deming | 35 | 52 | 15 | 0.46 | 1.73 | 5.32 | 0.85 | 10.58 |
| Gran Quivira | 31 | 37 | 23 | 0.06 | 1.23 | 6.01 | 1.10 | 16.02 |
| Quemado | 25 | 41 | 0 | 0.15 | 0.80 | 7.78 | 1.02 | 14.06 |
| Socorro | 32 | 45 | 10 | 0.33 | 1.40 | 2.14 | 0.58 | 9.53 |
| T or C | 33 | 49 | 11 | 0.57 | 3.32 | 8.56 | 1.07 | 10.29 |
| Southeast | | | | | | | | |
| Alamogordo | 36 | 50 | 22 | 0.73 | 1.24 | 6.26 | 0.82 | 12.74 |
| Carlsbad | 37 | 61 | 20 | 0.49 | 0.88 | 3.44 | 0.41 | 12.79 |
| Carrizozo | 31 | 43 | 15 | 0.49 | 2.11 | 6.79 | 0.76 | 12.83 |
| Las Cruces | 37 | 53 | 21 | 0.67 | 1.90 | 7.67 | 0.68 | 9.4 |
| Roswell | 36 | 59 | 12 | 1.75 | 2.70 | 6.90 | 0.55 | 12.93 |
| Ruidoso | 26 | 41 | 9 | 0.82 | 1.96 | 8.58 | 1.63 | 21.35 |
| Tatum | 33 | 53 | 19 | 0.74 | 1.00 | 5.42 | 0.48 | 16.05 |

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official.